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FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: HELICOPTER PARTS DESTINED FOR SALVADOR

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1. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ DISCUSSED MATER WITH GENERAL LOPEZ AT DINNER ON MARCH 20 (DRAWING ON EMBASSY SALVADOR'S TEL 1127), BUT WE DID NOT CONFIRM THIS PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE EARLY NEXT MORNING.

2. CHARGE ATTEMPTED TO BRIEF CHIEF OF HONDURAN AIR FORCE COLONEL SOTO CANO ON HELICOPTER STORY, AT BALL FOR NATIONAL AIR FORCE DAY ON MARCH 21. SOTO CANO WAS COMPLETELY UNINTERESTED AND CUT OFF THE EXPLANATION AFTER A SENTENCE OR TWO. INSTEAD HE SHIFTED TO A SUBJECT OBVIOUSLY WEIGHTING ON HIM, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A LONG AND BUTTER COMPLAINT AGAINST POLITICAL LINE OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT. THIS IS
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BEING REPORTED IN SEPARATE MESSAGE. SOTO CANO MILDLY

REBUKED USG FOR UNRESPONSIVENESS ON GOH JET NEEDS,
IN COURSE OF WHICH HE ALLUDED TO THREE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT
WHICH SAF IS NOW FLYING. HE SAID THESE THREE JETS DID
NOT WORRY HONDURAN AIR FORCE AT ALL.

3. WE WILL CLARIFY MATTER WITH OTHER LEVELS OF HONDURAN
ARMED FORCES AND GOH AS APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS ARISE.
EXCEPT FOR STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE

ATTENTION PAID TO STORY HERE.
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